

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES**

**Number 10**

10. Section L.3 states that the "Small Business Subcontracting Plan" is only required for large businesses. At several other points in the RFP, discussion of a Small Disadvantaged Business Subcontracting Plan or SDB Subcontracting Goals occurs. These sections include L.10 and L.14. L.10, in fact, refers to a "selection factor or subfactor" related to participation of SDBs. Section M.4.1 states, "DOE will evaluate small disadvantaged business participation considering the extent of participation in terms of the total value of the contract." Is it required that a small business who is the prime of this procurement submit SDB goals, even though the Small Business Subcontracting Plan is not required?

**Answer:** Yes, a small business who is the prime contractor is required to submit small disadvantaged business participation program targets using Attachment L-10 as required by the Section L.4(a)(1) instructions. DOE will evaluate the small disadvantaged business participation as part of the Project Management and Execution subfactor under the Technical Approach factor.